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Dear Class 5-405 Families,

Happy September!  My name is Deborah van Doren, and I will be your child’s teacher for the 2013-2014 school year.  Fifth grade is a challenging and fun year, as students ready themselves for middle school. I hope that your child’s last year at P.S.10 will be a memorable one!

This will be my tenth year teaching in Brooklyn, and my eighth year at P.S.10.  I consider myself very lucky to work at this school; among such a professional faculty, wonderful students, and involved parents.  I am truly passionate about teaching and will do my best to motivate your child.

I feel that parent involvement and communication are a vital component of a child’s education.  I look forward to working with you to support and enrich your child’s academic growth. Here are a few policies that you should know:

HOMEWORK/READING:  There will be homework assigned almost every night.  I send home a weekly homework sheet.  I also post homework on the class website daily.  If your child is absent, they should make every effort to complete any work assigned.  If illness prevents this, please write a note or email me.  As part of the daily homework, students are expected to read 30-45 minutes every night.  Students will bring home books from the classroom library.  Please help your child take care of classroom library books, and make sure that s/he brings them back to school everyday.

PARENT FOLDERS:  The school provides students with a blue homework folder and a yellow parent folder.  Important information will be sent home in the yellow parent folder, so please be sure to check the yellow folder every day.

CLASS SUPPLIES:  Please do NOT buy supplies.  Please send $40 in with your child to cover school supplies this year.  The one exception to this is pencils.  Please be sure that child comes to school with three SHARPENED pencils daily.  (I highly recommend purchasing an electric pencil sharpener to keep at home for this use.)

I look forward to working with you to make this a productive and engaging year for your child.  Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. Van Doren